

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Amended) A blow molded container, comprising:
a first layer of plastic suitable for blow molding; and
a second layer of plastic suitable for blow molding contacting said first layer, said
second layer of plastic formed as a foam wherein the foam cells are
substantially filled with and contain one of carbon dioxide and nitrogen.

2. (Amended) The blow molded container according to Claim 1, wherein the first
layer of plastic comprises a plastic selected from the group consisting of polyesters,
acrylonitrile acid esters, vinyl chlorides, polyolefins, polyamides, and derivatives, blends, and
copolymers thereof.

3. (Amended) The blow molded container according to Claim 1, wherein the first
layer of plastic comprises a polyester.

4. (Amended) The blow molded container according to Claim 1, wherein the first
layer of plastic comprises polyethylene terephthalate.

5. (Amended) The blow molded container according to Claim 1, wherein the second layer of plastic comprises a plastic selected from the group consisting of polyesters, acrylonitrile acid esters, vinyl chlorides, polyolefins, polyamides, and derivatives, blends, and copolymers thereof.

6. (Amended) The blow molded container according to Claim 1, wherein the second layer of plastic comprises a polyester.

7. (Amended) The blow molded container according to Claim 1, wherein the second layer of plastic comprises polyethylene terephthalate.

8. (Amended) The blow molded container according to Claim 1, wherein the first and second layers of plastic are the same.

9. (Amended) The blow molded container according to Claim 1, wherein the first and second layers of plastic are different.

10. (Amended) The blow molded container according to Claim 1, wherein the foam cells contain a gas comprising a gas selected from the group consisting of carbon dioxide, nitrogen, argon, air, and blends and derivatives thereof.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Amended) The blow molded container according to Claim 1, further comprising a third layer of plastic contacting said second layer of plastic, said third layer of plastic formed as a foam wherein the foam cells are substantially filled with a gas.

13. (Amended) The blow molded container according to Claim 12, wherein the third layer of plastic comprises a plastic selected from the group consisting of polyesters, acrylonitrile acid esters, vinyl chlorides, polyolefins, polyamides, and derivatives, blends, and copolymers thereof

14. (Amended) The blow molded container according to Claim 12, wherein the third layer of plastic comprises a polyester.

15. (Amended) The blow molded container according to Claim 12, wherein the third layer of plastic comprises polyethylene terephthalate.

16. (Amended) The blow molded container according to Claim 12, wherein the gas in the foam cells of the third layer of plastic comprises a gas selected from the group consisting of carbon dioxide, nitrogen, argon, air, and blends and derivatives thereof.

17. (Amended) The blow molded container according to Claim 12, wherein the foam cells of the third layer of plastic are substantially filled with one of carbon dioxide and nitrogen.

18. (Amended) The blow molded container according to Claim 1, further comprising a third layer of plastic contacting said second layer of plastic.

19. (Amended) The blow molded container according to Claim 18, wherein the third layer of plastic comprises a plastic selected from the group consisting of polyesters, acrylonitrile acid esters, vinyl chlorides, polyolefins, polyamides, and derivatives, blends, and copolymers thereof.

20. (Amended) The blow molded container according to claim 18, wherein the third layer of plastic comprises a polyester.

21. (Amended) The blow molded container according to claim 18, wherein the third layer of plastic comprises polyethylene terephthalate.

22. (Amended) A multilayer preform for forming a blow molded container, comprising:
a first layer of plastic suitable for blow molding; and
a second layer of plastic suitable for blow molding contacting said first layer, said second layer of plastic formed as a foam wherein the foam cells are substantially filled with and contain one of carbon dioxide and nitrogen.

23. (Amended) A multilayer preform for forming a blow molded container, comprising:
a first layer of polyethylene terephthalate suitable for blow molding; and
a second layer of plastic suitable for blow molding contacting said first layer, said second layer of plastic formed as a foam wherein the foam cells are substantially filled with and contain one of carbon dioxide and nitrogen.

24. (Amended) A multilayer preform for forming a blow molded container, comprising:
a first layer of plastic suitable for blow molding;
a second layer of plastic suitable for blow molding contacting said first layer, said second layer of plastic formed as a foam wherein the foam cells are substantially filled with and contain one of carbon dioxide and nitrogen; and
a third layer of polyethylene terephthalate suitable for blow molding contacting said first layer of plastic.

25. (Cancelled)